

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF MAYFIELD ANSWERING)	
SERVICE TO INCREASE THE RATES)	
CHARGED ITS CUSTOMERS PER 807)	CASE NO. 8724
KAR 5:076)	

O R D E R

On November 2, 1982, Mayfield Answering Service ("Mayfield") filed an application with the Commission to increase its radio paging rates pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076. This regulation allows utilities with 400 or fewer customers or \$200,000 or less gross annual revenues to use the alternative filing method in order to minimize the necessity for formal hearings, to reduce filing requirements, and to shorten the time between the application and the Commission's final Order. This procedure minimizes rate case expenses to the utility and, therefore, results in lower rates to the ratepayers.

Mayfield requested rates which would produce an annual increase of \$5,190. Furthermore, due to its deteriorating financial condition, Mayfield requested that this increase be granted immediately. In this Order the Commission has granted the requested increase of \$5,190.

DISCUSSION

Mayfield is a small business in Graves County which provides regulated radio paging service and unregulated telephone answering service in the Mayfield area. The radio paging segment reported an operating loss of \$8,924 for the calendar year 1981, not including its share of the total interest expense of the business. Because of the very poor financial condition of Mayfield and the potential for competition should a prospective radiotelephone competitor seek a certificate to serve in Mayfield's area, the Commission is of the opinion that the full increase should be granted as it will improve Mayfield's financial position. Moreover, because Mayfield submitted confirmation that a majority of its customers have agreed to the proposed increase, the Commission finds no reason to delay this case further. The Commission, therefore, will deny Mayfield's request for interim rates and will grant final rates since no additional information is necessary for final determination under 807 KAR 5:076.

SUMMARY

The Commission, after careful consideration of the evidence and being advised, is of the opinion and finds that:

(1) The rates in Appendix A are the fair, just and reasonable rates to charge for radio paging service rendered by Mayfield in that they should improve its financial position.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Mayfield be and it hereby is authorized to place into effect the rates and charges in Appendix A for service rendered on and after the date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within 30 days of the date of this Order, Mayfield shall file with this Commission its revised tariff sheets setting out the rates approved herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 15th day of December, 1982.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
IN CASE NO. 8724 DATED DECEMBER 15, 1982.

The following rates and charges are prescribed for customers in the area served by Mayfield Answering Service, Inc., in Kentucky. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of the Commission prior to the date of this Order.

<u>Service</u>	<u>Monthly</u> <u>Rate</u>
Pagers - one way	\$47.00
Handie Talkies - 2-way Customer Owned	45.00
Handie Talkies - 2-way Company Owned	68.00
Mobile Equipment - Customer Owned	47.50